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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS READ BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN  
AT THE NOON BRIEFING MAY 21:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF  
THE MURDER OF TWO UNITED STATES AIR FORCE OFFICERS IN  
TEHRAN TODAY: COLONEL PAUL R. SHAFFER, JR., AND LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL JACK H. TURNER.

WE DEPLORE AND CONDEMN THIS TERRORIST ACT OF CALCULATED  
BRUTALITY AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO DUTIES IN  
A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE ENJOY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS.  
WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE TWO  
OFFICERS.

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WE ARE ALSO CONFIDENT THAT THESE MURDERS, EVIDENTLY CARRIED  
OUT BY A BAND OF PROFESSIONAL ASSASSINS, DOES NOT REPRESENT  
THE SENTIMENTS OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE TOWARD AMERICANS  
SERVING THERE. THE STRONG TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,

REINFORCED BY THE SHAH'S CONVERSATIONS DURING HIS RECENT  
STATE VISIT, REMAIN.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF OF THE  
SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF IN TEHRAN HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR  
CONDOLENCES FOR THESE KILLINGS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASSURED THAT THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ARE  
LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION TO APPREHEND THE MURDERERS." INGERSOLL

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